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Human Services Names Director of Children and Family Services Division

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services has hired Shari Doe as director of the Children and Family Services Division. The division administers programs and services that focus on the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families including child protection, family preservation, foster care, adoption, and early childhood services. She starts her new position on Feb. 18, 2013.

She will be responsible for the overall planning, budgeting, and administration of child welfare policies and services. In North Dakota, child welfare services are supervised by the Department of Human Services and administered and provided directly by county social services offices and private contracted providers.

“Shari brings a wealth of management experience and an in-depth understanding of state and county roles in providing social services to the people of North Dakota,” said Maggie Anderson, interim executive director for the department.

Doe has served as the director of the Burleigh County Social Service office from 2001 to the present. At Burleigh County, she was responsible for the administration and budget of the agency as well as policy development and implementation, and oversight of eligibility for various public assistance programs, child protection services, adult services, and early childhood licensing. She has also served as director of Valley Health, a non-profit health and human service organization in Grand Forks for 23 years.

Doe is involved in various volunteer activities in the community and is president of the N.D. Association of County Social Service Directors.

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